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10/359,192	Yoshio KATAYAMA	February 6, 2003
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One copy of each of the listed documents is submitted herewith.

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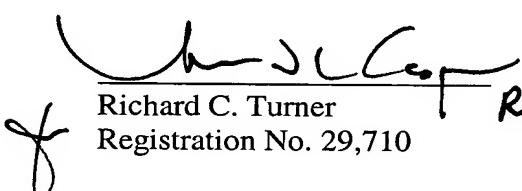
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An English Language Abstract of JP-U-55-144481, JP-U-63-101881, JP-U-61-125784 and JP-A-56-8727 is submitted herewith and constitutes a concise statement of relevance for the reference.

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